

# ***CITY COUNCIL***

## ***Nominations and Appointments Committee***

**Monday, December 19, 2016  
4:00 pm  
City Council Office**

The Nominations and Appointments Committee will meet as needed to address nominations and appointments to the City's boards, authorities and commissions.

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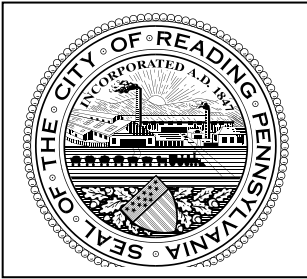
### **I. Interviews**

**4:00 – Jose Delfi – appointment – Electrician's Examining Board**

**4:15 – Melvyn Jacobson – appointment – Planning Commission**

### **II. Appointment Recommendations**

### **III. Review Pending Applications Memo, BAC Openings & Board, Authority, Commission Membership**



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## Nominations & Appointments Committee

**Monday, December 5, 2016**  
**Meeting Report**

**Attendance:** S. Marmarou, J. Slifko

**Others Attending:** B. Rivera

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

### **I. Interview**

#### **Paul Hoh – (Reappointment to the Library Board)**

Mr. Marmarou questioned if Mr. Hoh had any issues with attending meetings. Mr. Hoh replied that his attendance has never been an issue. The only time he may not be able to attend would be during his vacation in which case he would provide the board with ample notice. He stated that he has taken on other committees as well but they have not interfered with his presence at Library Board meetings.

Mr. Marmarou questioned what committees he currently serves on. Mr. Hoh stated that he is the chairman of Strategic Planning for the Library and he is also a member of the Finance Committee. He stated that he also serves on the Nominations committee. He stated that the current members of the board are strong and active and in his opinion, work very well together.

Mr. Slifko questioned who the current members of the Board are and Mr. Hoh named a few members and stated that they are a diverse group who works well with the Latino community in the City.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if there was something in particular that Mr. Hoh has accomplished while serving or if there is something specific he would like to accomplish serving this Board.

Mr. Hoh stated that when the board adopted the strategic plan, there had been four major initiatives and one of those initiatives was to have a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library. Also, outreach was an important component to connect with a more diverse community. He stated that a grant was awarded by the Wyomissing Foundation and because of that grant they were able to hire Daniel Egusquiza, who will be responsible for the outreach of the Latino community. The third initiative he referred was philanthropy focused on the Library. He stated that it has been increasingly difficult to obtain funds from government bodies and the Board increased its ability to attract donations. He stated that when he started serving on this board, he noticed that members were resistant to accepting private funding because of the notion that it would only hinder the amount the government would grant to the Library. He stated that though that may be a concern, he has always believed that people just want to support what is successful and beneficial so they will assist when asked. He stated that there have been private donations from single persons who have left generous amounts in their wills and such.

Mr. Slifko stated that he would like to know what the City can do to assist in Library issues. Mr. Hoh stated years ago there was a newsletter that went out with a specific City bill that made residents aware of the goings on at the Library. He stated that if something like that may be implemented again, it would be highly beneficial to the Library. Mr. Slifko and Mr. Marmarou concurred and asked staff to follow up with possibly including a link to the City's website.

Mr. Hoh stated that he has been speaking with the administration regarding salary ranges for management positions in City Hall including the director of the Library. There was some discussion about library employee salaries and the manner in which funding occurs.

**The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Paul Hoh to the Library Board.**

## **II. Review Pending Applications**

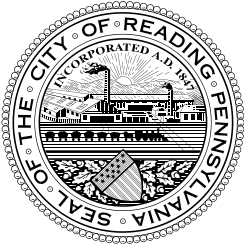
Ms. Rivera stated that she had been asked to bring up the issue of pending applications held up in the Mayor's office for approval. There are three specific applications that have not come back to our office with the Mayor's approval and it may be beneficial for

a committee member to reach out to the Mayor and inquire what may be delaying the process.

Mr. Slifko stated that he would get in contact with the Mayor's office or the Mayor himself to follow up.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
*Bea Rivera, Legislative Aide*



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Nominations and Appointments Committee  
**FROM:** Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk  
**DATE:** December 19, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Pending Applications

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The following persons have applications for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions pending:

**Planning Commission** – *3 openings*

- **Melvyn Jacobson** – appointment – has Mayoral approval

**Animal Control Board** – *3 openings*

- **Linda Sarangoulis** – appointment – application incomplete - will need Mayoral approval

**Main Street Board** – *4 openings*

- **Brian Fichthorn** – reappointment – sent to Mayor 10/26/16
- **John Kramer** – reappointment – has Mayoral approval

**Shade Tree Commission** – *3 openings*

- **David Moodhart** – reappointment – sent to Mayor 12/13/16

**Electrician's Examining Board** – *2 openings*

- **Jose Delfi** – appointment

**Downtown Improvement District Authority** – *1 opening*

- **Daniel Laws Jr.** – reappointment – needs Mayoral approval

**Blighted Property Review Committee** – *1 opening*

- **Mary Wolfe** – reappointment – needs Mayoral approval

**Diversity Board** – *1 citizen opening*

- Wynton Butler – reappointment

**Convention Center Authority** – *1 opening*

- Michael Gombar Jr – appointment

**BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS**  
**OPEN SEATS**

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Board, Authority & Commission	Mayor appointment w/ Council approval	Mayor appointment	Council appointment
<b>BOARDS</b>			
Electrician's Examining Board			
			2 openings
			1 application pending
Plumbing Board of Examiners			
	2 openings		
Reading HVAC Board			
			7 openings
Zoning Hearing Board			
			2 alternate openings
Police Civil Service Board			
			Board full
Fire Civil Service Board			
			1 opening
Board of Historical Architectural Review			
			4 openings
Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library			
			Board full

Board of Health			2 openings
			1 alternate opening
Board of Ethics			
	3 openings		
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals			
	2 openings		
	2 alternate openings		
Animal Control Board			
	3 openings		
Charter Board			
	3 openings		
Code & License Appeals Board			
	3 alternate openings		
Minority Business Board			
	7 openings		
City-wide Diversity Board			
			1 opening
			1 application pending
Main St Board			
	4 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Pagoda Foundation		2 openings	2 openings



AUTHORITIES			
Reading Area Water Authority			
			2 Openings
Reading Redevelopment Authority			
	2 openings		
Reading Housing Authority			
	Board full		
Reading Parking Authority			
		Board Full	
Convention Center Authority			
			1 opening
			1 application pending
Downtown Improvement District Authority			
	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
City Revitalization Improvement Zone Authority			
			5 openings
COMMISSIONS			
Planning Commission			
	3 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Reading Shade Tree Commission			
	3 openings		
	1 application pending		
Stadium Commission			
	2 openings		
Reading Human	2 openings		

Relations Commission			
Blighted Property Review Committee	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
Environmental Advisory Council			4 openings
Recreation Commission			
	2 City openings		
Audit Committee			
			Board full